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Fees in Sainik Schools
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism for regulation of fees in Sainik schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the higher rate of fees in Sainik Schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Sainik Schools are primarily self-sustaining institutions. The amount of fee varies from school to school and depends also on contributions from the State Governments. As per the guidelines issued by Sainik Schools Society in June 1999, the tuition fee was revised to Rs.20,000/- for the year 1999-2000 allowing an increase of 10% per year thereafter. In 2010 an order was issued enhancing tuition fee by 11% for the academic year 2010-11. Thereafter no order for further increase in tuition fee has been issued.

(c) & (d): No complaints regarding the higher rate of fees in Sainik Schools have been received. However, 2 references were received during the year 2015 viz. Letter dated 14th January 2015 from Shri Subramanian Swamy and letter dated 4th March 2015 from Shri Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Both these references enclosed the representation of Parents Association of Sainik School, Amaravathinagar (PASSAM), Tamil Nadu inter-alia requesting for waiver of tuition fee or reduction in the fee structure. Keeping in view the cost of living in general and the representations received, Government has taken the following steps to lessen the burden of fee on parents:-

(i) The rate of Defence Scholarship has been increased from Rs.5,250/- to 16,000/- for children of Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Rs.10,500/- to 32,000/- for children of Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs) per annum per cadet.

(ii) The Ministry of Defence provides 100% additionality of pay & allowances of the employees of Sainik Schools arising out of the implementation of 6th Central Pay Commission.

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